

# e-Bugle

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### Calendar

Sat., July 3	Coffee House, Town Hall, 7 pm	Sat., Aug. 21	Annual family crab feast at the pool, 5 pm
Sun., July 4	4th of July activities (see article, p 9, and poster)	Fri., Aug. 27	Garrett Park Elementary open house for students/parents to meet teachers, time TBA;
Mon., July 5	4th of July Parade rain date (parade only, same time)	Mon., Aug. 30	Public school starts
Thurs., July 8	Salvation Army pickup; call Joan Gurian	Sat., Sept. 4	Memorial celebration for Mollie Fitzpatrick, Town Hall, 2 pm
Sat., July 10	Large item trash pickup	Mon., Sept. 6	Labor Day (no trash pickup)
Sun., July 11	Grosvenor Market Day at the pool, 12-2 pm	Fri., Sept. 10	Film Society, Town Hall, 7 pm: <i>Babe</i>
Mon., July 12	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sun., Sept. 12	Pool closes
Fri., July 16	Last day to order commemorative bricks (see order form, p 7)	Mon., Sept. 13	Town Council meeting; Town Hall, 8 pm
Fri., July 23	Film society, Town Hall, 7 pm: <i>Babette's Feast</i>	Tues., Sept. 14	Lunch Bunch; Town Hall, 12:30 pm: <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 3 pm
Wed., July 28	Citizens Assoc. meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm (updates of projects in town)	Sat., Sept 18	Progressive Dinner (tentative)
		Wed., Sept. 29	Newcomers Welcome, Citizens Association; Town Hall, 8 pm

### Town Council Notes

The meeting on June 14 kicked off with several citizen requests. The temporary speed bump on Montrose near Strathmore is large and, well, bumpy. The town will look into getting it painted for more visibility. If you see kids speeding around on the small mini-bikes, Councilmember

Bennett requested you call the police: these bikes are not legal on roads; they are meant for off-road riding. Glenda Ingham presented a well-thought-out proposal for a plaque on Penn Place remembering the efforts of both George and Molly Fitzpatrick in acquiring the building. George was

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Mayor in 1974–1978 when the property became available. There were rumors that it was going to be turned into, of all things, an Arthur Murray Dance Studio. (Can you imagine it? Maybe we could all be doing the Garrett Park Reel.) George and Molly put into place an effort to buy the building, a process that (as you can guess, living in Garrett Park) was filled with controversy. Much effort went into procuring the building, and finally Molly Fitzpatrick named it. The Council referred action on this proposal to the Penn Place Committee.

Councilmember Quigley is still looking into whether trains need to blow their whistles at our crossing. Some would prefer that they not; others may disagree for safety reasons (bicycle crossings, etc.).

The Mayor’s report included an announcement that there is an opening on the Historic Preservation Committee, we received an open space grant, and the post office will have two full service windows plus handicap access when it moves into its new digs.

Bob Reinhardt, the Historic Preservation Committee chair, brought a preliminary draft (very preliminary, he emphasized) of an amendment to the Garrett Park Overlay Zone. The Council moved to put this on the July agenda as the first step in opening a dialogue for this process. The Setback Advisory Committee would like to be included in working this issue.

Hans Wegner reported that the ball is still in Holophane’s court with regard to fixing the streetlights. We are anxiously awaiting the company’s redesign proposal on an interior shield or a redesigned heat sink so that the bulb can be recessed.

Harry Gordon gave a lengthy Penn Place report, which I will summarize as follows: on budget, with final completion date estimated for August 25. Project delays fall into four categories: weather delays, severe structure deterioration, prospective tenant requests that changed planned design (interesting county zoning fact: a wine/beer license calls for a urinal in addition to a toilet in the men’s room!), and Pepco dependences.

Some modified parking configurations were discussed, proposed by Dick Pratt, and Harry and Dick will together do a site walk to see what is feasible. Councilmember Altar expressed concern that additional car spaces would affect the result we are trying to achieve (where residents can sit and read their mail and converse in a parklike setting, not in the middle of a parking lot), so that will be kept in mind. There were questions from the audience with regard to the restaurant services that will be provided. The Council answered that the submitted business plan calls for dining, takeout, and morning service for train riders (and I think there was a fourth thing, but I didn’t scribble fast enough in my notes to catch it).

The meeting adjourned after the August Council meeting was cancelled. Beach, anyone?

Carol Davies

## Film Feast

Attention, lovers of food and film (and anyone just in search of a good time). The Garrett Park Film Society will be showing *Babette’s Feast* at the Town Hall on Friday, July 23. We’ll be serving some wonderful foods and drink (plan to dine with us) beginning at 7:15 pm, and the movie will start at 8 pm. Admission to the film is free to GP Film Society members and \$5 for nonmembers. *There is a charge for food and drinks.*

*Babette’s Feast* is a beautiful, bittersweet and moving film from Denmark about food, faith, love, sacrifice, and what it means to be an artist (of food or of music). *Babette’s Feast* is an adaptation of an Isak Dinesen story in which Babette is presented as a maestro, a Rubinstein of cuisine. The kitchen is her orchestra, the spoon her baton. However, Babette cooks her masterwork, flavoring what once was only craftsmanship with sacrifice and love. It will be shown in Danish, with subtitles.

The film is stunningly acted, with a thoughtful script, and at under two hours, it offers a sublime way to think about the physical, spiritual, and emotional state of humankind. Like the concluding scenes, the film is sweet and sumptuous, a banquet for the eyes, the ears, and the soul.



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# Congratulations, Graduates

The *Bugle* is again delighted to extend congratulations to this year's high school and college graduates. We wish you all the best in the future, whether you continue with your education or enter the job market. If we have inadvertently left someone off this list, please send us the names, and we will include them in our September issue.

## High School graduates:

Jason Altomare	Walter Johnson, will attend Elon University
Alison Colema	Waverly-Aldredge Academy, will attend Ohio University
Tracy Flanders	Walter Johnson, will attend Towson University in the Honors program
Luke Foster	Walter Johnson, will attend Lebanon Valley
Zac Gunnison	Walter Johnson, will attend the University of Colorado with a Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship
Sara Madanikia	Walter Johnson, will attend Boston University
Betsy Quilter	Walter Johnson, will attend Hampshire College
Laura Rehbehn	Walter Johnson, will attend the University of Mary Washington

## College graduates:

Jenny Bodine	Columbia University (BA in chemistry), hopes to spend a year in Ecuador with World Teach
Alison Flanders	University of Maryland (BA in political science), moving to Georgetown and needs a job
Laurin Green	Elon University (BA in elementary education), will teach kindergarten in Mebank, North Carolina
Jason Meyersberg	University of Vermont (BA in business administration in 3½ years, dean's list), will work with the university's Business School before going to grad school later
Adam Reinhardt	Claremont McKenna College in California (BA in Latin American studies and Spanish, <i>cum laude</i> , with departmental honors in Spanish), plans to move to Buenos Aires to work for a nongovernmental organization
Sean Ruttkay	University of North Carolina (BA in special education), managing GP pool this summer, will substitute teach in Wilmington, North Carolina, in the fall
Katie Sherman	Elon University (BA in corporate communications and business marketing), has an advertising internship in Manhattan, New York

# Giving to GIVES

Since this is the last *Bugle* until September, the GIVES Committee wanted to pass on some information. From January to June 2003, GIVES received \$4,229 in contributions. For the full year of 2003, receipts were \$6,034. Thus far for 2004 from January to June, we have collected \$1,697. What does this tell us? The contributions are down by 60 percent. Why? Well, it could be a number of reasons, but clearly one reason is that the envelope enclosure with the *Bugle* worked much better. More people responded and gave more dollars.

We will have volunteers outside the P.O. once a month, usually the first Saturday of each month (we got rained out June 5!). Also look for addressed envelopes in the P.O. lobby. All contributions are divided equally between the Ameri-

can Friends Service Committee ([www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org)) and Zacchaeus Soup Kitchen in Washington, D.C.

In order to keep the GIVES charity program going, we need more volunteers. So many of the devoted long-term volunteers have left us: Marty and Tomo Flavin, Ray Pinkson, Roy Gootenberg, Ilah Gieser, Viola Myers, Manny Sullivan, Gordon and Catherine Connelly, Don Chrisler, and others. The time involved is only 2 to 4 hours once or twice a year. Henny McDowell, who has served as Treasurer, will be leaving Garrett Park in a few months, so we need someone to fill her place. Please consider helping (contact [glendaingham@comcast.net](mailto:glendaingham@comcast.net)). Let's not allow this unique Garrett Park Intercommunity Voluntary Experiment in Sharing to fade away with the passing generation. GIVES thanks you for giving all you gave!

GIVES Committee

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## Green Again

This month the banner was funded by the outgoing editor, me! It's been exciting to be in on all the news in town, and being the one that gets called to find out about something going on. But it will also be nice to relax a little, and work on the projects at hand without worrying about deadlines.

We are fully funded for banners until April 2005. If anyone would care to help defray the costs for the rest of next year, we would appreciate it. All the banners get printed at one time, usually at the end of the summer, to save work for the printer during the year. Right now, to cover the cost of printing the banner for each issue, we need at least a \$25 donation (the actual cost is nearer \$37). This can be made in honor of some event, in memory of some person, or just because. Please mail donations to Box 98 (Mary Moyer) for the first come first served greening for next year. We thank you in advance for your contributions!

For those of you who are new to town, a short history course might not come amiss at this time. The *Bugle* was begun in 1954 by an enterprising group of youngsters with Clyde Hall (PR chief at the National Science Foundation) as a mentor. They sold the paper weekly, filled with school news, jokes, and the occasional information piece, door to door and by subscription for a nickel. After the kids gave up, Clyde took over as editor and turned it into monthly issue, mostly to keep absentee Garrett Parkers up on the news. Soon the "Aux Armes, Citoyens" headlines appeared as feisty Garrett Park leapt from one battle into another—with developers, the county, or the U.S. Post Office. It was originally hand cranked out on a mimeograph machine by Norah Payne. There was a banner, but not in green. The motto "*Vox clamantis in deserto*" (a voice crying in the wilderness) is from Clyde's alma mater, Dartmouth. The two trumpet bells are pointed both right and left, reflecting the ongoing spirit of Garrett Park—there can be two sides to every proposed idea.

By the time Clyde tired of the incessant deadlines (seems to be one of the un-perks of the job!), the *Bugle* had become so much a part of life in Garrett Park that its cessation would have been a serious loss. Thus under various editors it has continued on its merry way.

In the 70's green was added, and the Citizens Association was the producer, with a steady stream of editors. In the early 80's the cost of printing the banner in green went up, and it went black again. With the current crew, it was decided in September 1988 that we could go back to green if we could get some extra revenue, since the Citizens Association dues could not cover the costs of the green and the regular printing. So we started the Greening campaign.

The *Bugle* may be only a small town newspaper, but it has been a sounding board, a complaint receptacle, an announcement bulletin board, a

public forum, and a part of our town's history for 50 years. In fact, in the very first issue of June 7, 1954, there appeared an article entitled *Bike Accident*: "Mary Stites fell off her bike after school last Friday at about 3:15 P.M. She cut herself pretty badly under her chin and spent a couple hours in Suburban Hospital getting sewed up. She chipped a few teeth and skinned her legs and arms. We saw her yesterday and she is coming along fine." I still have the chipped teeth, and the chin has gotten sewn up a couple more times, but I am still "coming along fine." It was an honor to be in the first issue (even though pain was involved), and even more of an honor to have worked with a fine crew in putting out the *Bugle* for the last umpteen years.

An extraordinary staff has proven that volunteering does make the world go round, and in this case gotten this paper to the post office on time. Editor Barbara Collier and designer Linda Paine, with backup from Carol Ballentine, take the raw material from email and disk and transform it into a readable final product. Margaret Soltan and Carol Davies Lillie provided coverage of the Town Council meetings. Jane Salomon has kept subscriptions in perfect order with computer lists and mailing labels. Hosts Eleanor and Bob Melville provide the round table for the monthly folding party, at which time town events and rumors are discussed and enlarged upon. This year saw the retirement of several of our senior folders, and some new people have taken their places. Betty Runck, Lynne Frevert, Marian Green, and Florence Gootenberg have joined regulars Jane Salomon, Louise Horn, and Peggy Pratt at the folding party. The *Bugle* is a group effort, and this group has made the current production a joy to work on. Remembering the adage that many hands make light work, if you would like to join the one hour gab-fest on a Friday afternoon, please let Jane Salomon know.

Elsewhere in this issue is a list of the future staff of the *Bugle*. Please clip it out and save it so you will know how to get your news or articles into this paper for the next however many years. Since the *Bugle* is not published during July and August, the next deadline is September 14, and the issue will come out by September 24. Have a nice summer. We'll see you in the fall at the Newcomers Welcome, set for September 29, 8 pm, at the Town Hall. Consider this your formal invitation. Everyone is invited to join us, newcomers and old timers alike, but especially those who have moved into the Park since September 2003.

Mary Moyer, with help from the late George Payne

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## Arboretum Notes

The Arboretum Committee has grown this spring. To catch you up with old and new members, they are Tom Rodes, Chairperson and new member; Kay Hager; Art Heyman; Keith Mayhew; Jennie Rothwell; Pat Keating (new); Frederika Moser (new); and Matthew Nau (new). Chris Keller is the Town Council's liaison to the committee.

This has been a big tree-planting spring for the Garrett Park Arboretum. Not only have committee members—new and old—been busy hunting up possible sources of trees, but Phil Normandy has helped fulfill a long held wish to buy some lesser-known cultivars from Princeton Nurseries at a price the town can afford.

Undaunted by the cicadas, the committee has planted 20 new street trees, some stately and some ornamental, in different parts of town. Some have been chosen to extend “mini-collections” of one tree species in particular locations. Here are the newcomers—identified by street location, name, and type—and listed to make it easy for anyone who wants to go on a walking tour.

### On the south side of town:

1. 10705 Shelley Court: *Prunus* ‘Princeton Snowcloud’
2. 10704 Shelley Court: *Prunus* ‘Accolade’

These are flowering cherries that extend the mini-collection on Shelley Court.

3. 10800 Montrose Avenue: *Acer freemanii* x ‘Autumn Blaze’
4. 10711 Montrose Avenue: *Acer rubrum* ‘Sun Valley’ (Oxford side)
5. 10711 Montrose Avenue: *Acer rubrum* ‘Summer Red’ (Oxford side)

These are red maples that extend the existing collection (all different varieties) on or near Oxford Street in the two blocks between Kenilworth and Clermont Avenues.

6. 4409 Oxford Street: *Cladrastis* ‘Sweetshade’
7. 10800 Keswick Street: *Cladrastis* ‘Sweetshade’

This tree, also known as Yellow-wood, bears graceful hanging clusters of white flowers.

### On the north side:

8. 11011 Kenilworth Avenue: *Quercus* ‘Regal Prince’

This oak extends the oak collection in the Kenilworth-Argyle area. It's a new selection—the result of a cross with an upright English oak

(*Quercus robur* ‘Fastigiata’). The foliage is handsome with a silvery lower surface.

9. 11115 Kenilworth Avenue: *Ginkgo* ‘Autumn Gold’

The ginkgo tree is thought to be the oldest living seed plant in the world. Once believed to be extinct, it is known as the “living fossil.” This ginkgo is a fruitless male selection with showy yellow fall color.

10. 11321 Kenilworth Avenue: *Fraxinus* ‘Cimmaron’

This is an ash that extends the small collection in the 11300 block of Kenilworth.

11. 11408 Rokeby Avenue: *Koelreuteria* ‘Rose lantern’

Bright yellow flowers give this golden rain tree its name. Its glory days are from late August through September, when few other trees are in bloom. Then its leaves turn yellow, and rose-pink fruits replace the flowers for a month or more.

12. 11123 Rokeby Avenue: *Prunus* ‘Princeton Snowcloud’
13. 4700 Argyle Avenue: *Prunus* ‘Snowgoose’
14. Wells Park opposite Argyle: *Prunus* ‘Accolade’

A new venture by the Arboretum Committee to begin a cherry collection along Rokeby Avenue near Wells Park.

15. 11116 Rokeby Avenue: *Liquidambar* ‘Silver King’

This is a beautiful variegated sweetgum.

16. 10926 Montrose Avenue: *Taxodium* ‘Shawnee Brave’

This bald cypress grows upright and has beautiful bark.

17. 10914 Clermont Avenue: *Ulmus* ‘Princeton’
18. 10912 Clermont Avenue: *Ulmus* ‘Princeton’
19. 4501 Clermont Place: *Ulmus* ‘New Harmony’

These American elms, all bred to resist Dutch elm disease, are the start of an effort to restore American elms on this stretch of Clermont. The last two we had died within the past few years.

20. Cambria Avenue: *Maackia amurensis* ‘Starburst’

This summer-blooming tree extends the collection in the area of the town pool.

Check our website for the latest Arboretum news and a complete inventory of trees planted over the Garrett Park Arboretum's 25-year history.

Visit the Arboretum Website:  
[www.garrettpark.org/GPArboretum/index.html](http://www.garrettpark.org/GPArboretum/index.html)



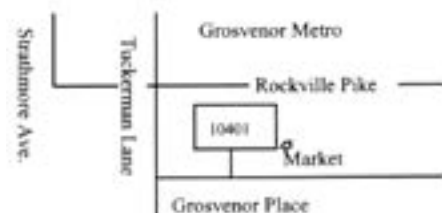
## Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ Did you notice all the white bows on trees along Kenilworth Avenue May 15? They were the road signs pointing to Lizzie Glidden-Boyle's house for a bridal shower that she was giving her daughter, Greer. We noticed the cicadas liked the bows, but they didn't faze the 30 guests having afternoon tea in the backyard.
- ♪ Former GP resident Jen Miles McDonald and husband Jay introduced a son to the world on May 11 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Jen is keeping up the tradition of her Garrett Park pals—Kristen Ingham, Jessica Guernsey, Shannon and Brooke Almy, and Katie Koepenick (maiden names)—of bearing male offspring. Jen's son makes the tenth boy out of 10 births for the ladies. Their families were thinking "great basketball team coming up, with Garrett Park roots," but now it looks as though it will have to be soccer or football.
- ♪ Amy Salomon has been accepted into the University of Pennsylvania History Honors program, and made dean's list for 2003–2004. She is currently studying in France and Italy for the summer. Her parents are justifiably proud of her achievement. However, on the down side, she also won Penn's "Beer Olympics" for her house. Hmmm!
- ♪ Scott Morgan is now a member of Sigma Pi Sigma National Physics Honor Society at Franklin and Marshall College. Way to go, Scott.
- ♪ A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 4, 2004, at 2 pm at the Garrett Park Town Hall for Mollie Fitzpatrick, wife of former Mayor George Fitzpatrick (see article, p 8).
- ♪ Have you purchased your brick yet? Only 51 have been sold as of this typing. It's a neat way of honoring or remembering someone or something for future Garrett Parkers, and the price is not exorbitant. You can use the order form in this issue (p 7) and mail it in, or you can turn in your order at the 4th of July parade when it ends at the tennis courts.
- ♪ The plan to add a team of Neighborhood Watch Boosters is progressing. Four residents have pledged to jump in and make phone calls for absent EPCs (Emergency Preparedness Contacts) or Block Captains in a town emergency. Please call the Town Office (301-933-7488) if you can join.
- ♪ A daughter was born on May 19 to Tara Flynn and Brad Christmas. She joins two siblings in their home. Congratulations to the whole family and welcome to our town, baby girl.
- ♪ Best wishes to Judith Wentworth (Mullan) and Robert A. Luke, Jr., who were married on June 19, 2004, at River Road Unitarian Church in Bethesda. Following the ceremony, a reception for family and friends was held at the Garrett Park Town Hall. The couple will live at 10812 Clermont Avenue. Congratulations and much happiness to both!
- ♪ In March, the Petitos' daughter auditioned for the American Fine Arts Festival in New York City, a national program to showcase young talent. Placing in the finals, she performed the Bruch Concerto at Columbia Artist Management Hall on Saturday, May 29. On May 30, she played the Martinu Sonatina for Two Violins and Piano at Merkin Concert Hall. This is the same piece that she played at the Garrett Park musicale this spring, along with her friends the Poochikian sisters.
- ♪ The entire Petito family is going to Italy this summer, as their daughter will be attending the Amalfi Coast Music Festival in Vietri sul Mare (on the Amalfi Coast!). She will be part of the Summer Arts in Italy Program, run by the Hotchkiss School (Connecticut), and will study with the Fine Arts String Quartet. Her family is planning to soak up the sun, the music, and all things Italian!
- ♪ The garage at the Grosvenor Metro station should open in early July. To exit the garage, you will not be able to use cash: you will need a SmarTrip card. These can be obtained online for \$25 (\$20 of value on the card, with \$5 for the card itself); go to metroopensdoors.com. (You can also get them in the garage itself and at many libraries and grocery stores.)
- ♪ Backyard theatre is beginning again at Strathmore on Thursdays and will continue through July 29. Free Summer Serenades start on July 1 with a WWII USO review. The current plan is for the Baltimore Symphony orchestra to open the new arts center February 10, 2005, with a tribute to George and Ira Gershwin. Call 301-530-0540 for information. It was too bad about the set fires in the halls recently. The building was coming along so nicely.

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GP Coffee House

The Garrett Park Casual Musicians Club is going to host its fourth Coffee House on Saturday, July 3. Our idea is to have musicians signed up ahead of time, as well as an open mike, to allow you the chance to express yourself in ways you feel most comfortable. During the first hour, Club members will entertain the children in the crowd. After 8 pm, the focus shifts toward the adults. Admission is free, and some refreshments will be provided. If you're interested in performing or helping out, or for more information about the Club or this event, please call David Meredith or Jack Mandel.

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# Memories of Mollie

Just about all of Garrett Park knew Mollie Fitzpatrick, who died on May 7 at age 84. Her husband George (“Fitz”) was elected to the Town Council in 1962 as a Councilmember and served for 16 years, interrupted by two terms as Mayor of Garrett Park. Mollie was the storybook mayor’s wife. To me, she was the legendary next door neighbor. After they moved here in 1956 with 6-year-old Chip and baby Megan, we invited them over for a drink. I can see Mollie now, her blond hair pulled tightly back with a very big red bow, holding little Meg on her lap.

Mollie told us they bought their house for the beautiful pink dogwood blooming in the front yard. As soon as they moved in, we were tickled to observe from our kitchen, where we usually ate, that Mollie and Fitz ate dinner by candlelight every night. My mother, who visited us often, used to help out by hanging up endless baby laundry on the clothes line strung between two trees in our back yard, and she quickly observed that Mollie was very special; she advised me to hasten to form a friendship. Invitations back and forth became casual and frequent.

My favorite Mollie story occurred nearly four years later, just before we moved down the street. We wanted a larger house, but we had no intention of leaving Garrett Park; then one neighbor advised us that among the several houses being built at the newly opened lower Rokeby, there was a lot for sale. Although building a house was exciting, I dreaded moving away from the Fitzpatricks. As Christmas 1956 approached, and we were nearing our move, Mollie sensed that I was unhappy at leaving and kept asking about when

we were going to get a Christmas tree. Since we were too busy, she took matters into her own hands.

One evening after supper when we were making one of our trips to inspect the progress on the new house, we were surprised to find a celebration going on there. There were lights on, people inside, and a huge Christmas tree in the empty living room, along with all the “lower Rokeby” neighbors, inviting us in for drinks. Each of them carried a package—a single ornament—along with a box of smaller assorted ornaments, lights, and tinsel. It was a fantastic experience given by a wonderful friend. Our move didn’t interrupt the magic friendship after all, not even with Mollie’s recent move to South Carolina to live with Marla, where she died.

When Fitz died in 1997, Mollie missed him terribly. But the entire rest of the family used to gather in the summer at Nags Head, North Carolina. Mollie was crazy about all of them: Megan and her husband Gary, and their daughters Chelsea and Katie; Marla and husband Ricky, and their son Kelly and namesake daughter Molly; and Chip and his wife Lee Ann, with son Aaron and daughter Rachel, the latter making Mollie a great-grandmother.

I found that a friendship is a treasure that lives in our lives forever. For those of her friends who still live here in town, the family will be hosting a memorial celebration on Saturday, September 4, 2 pm, at the Town Hall. Please come and join them.

Jane Franklin

## Obituary

### Don Chrisler

Former *Bugle* editor Don Chrisler lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on June 10 at his home here. He was 80 years old. An agricultural economist, he began his career in 1948 with the Maryland Department of Forestry. After a stint in the CIA, he joined the Agriculture Department until his retirement in 1976.

Don graduated from the University of Michigan and studied law at George Washington University and economics at the University of Maryland. He served in the Army’s 10th Mountain Division in Northern Italy during World War II.

Locally, besides helping to publish this paper, he was active in the Garrett Park Players when it was functioning at the Garrett Park Elementary School. His avocations included traveling, especially in Europe.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy and two children: Andrew of Frederick, Maryland, and Meg of Austin, Texas. He will be missed.

Visit Garrett Park’s Website:

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## From the PO

The USPS is sponsoring a program to provide phone cards and stamp books for men and women in the Armed Forces. You buy the phone card or stamps, and the retail office sends them to the military, which then distributes them to the military personnel overseas. Some of you have already participated in this program and we thank you very much. (It’s also a good way to help the PO’s sagging revenue!)

On another matter, in April the Postal Service audited our office. We were cited for the buckets of mail on the floor. Most of you are wonderful about picking up your mail on a daily or frequent basis, which we appreciate greatly. For those of you who are lax, we will have to instigate a caller fee, which is very expensive. So please pick up your mail before we have to pull it. If your box is too small for the mail you receive on a daily basis, we have larger boxes available.

Veronica Sauvain, postmaster



# 4th of July Activities

This year, the theme for our 4th of July parade is “50+ Years of Community: GP Nursery School, GP Swimming Pool, *Garrett Bugle*, [since all were founded 50 years ago] and Penn Place” (since it is the center of the community, so to speak). Ribbons will be awarded for the most creative, humorous, and original costumes, decorations, groups/families, individuals, or floats on this theme. Let your imagination run wild.

The first event will be the 2-mile fun run and walk starting at Penn Place at 7 am, and help is always needed. Since it is Sunday, the parade will assemble from 10:30 am in the GPES parking lot, and then start out on its route at 11 am (which will give families a chance to go to church). Participants under the age of 6 will not need to register to march in the parade. Ned Dolan will again strut his stuff (sitting down) as our own Uncle Sam. Prize ribbons will be awarded after speeches at the basketball court next to the construction at Penn Place. After the parade, “Candy Cane the Clown” will entertain, and there will be a special rendition of “America the Beautiful” performed by 3 ex-GPES students. The hat will again be passed to accept donations to help defray the cost of this event (plus the Newcomers Welcome and the Town Dinner). The Citizens Association will sell hot dogs (\$1), hamburgers/veggie burgers (\$2), and drinks. Free popsicles will be given out to all parade participants. If you would like to purchase a brick for the patio (see p 7), please bring your check and order form with you, as someone will be collecting them after the parade.

The pool events will begin at 1 pm, and the manager requests that if you have any ideas for new or interesting events, please call (301-946-0175). The Belly Flop and Can Opener splash contests are slated for a re-run. The 18th annual softball game will be played behind GPES at 3 pm; call Dave Almy for information. At 6 pm, join everyone at the Town Hall for a picnic, with music by Mike Henley and his band. Bring your own food, and you may drop off tables and chairs at the Town Hall on July 2, with your name firmly attached to each piece. But for space reasons, we strongly recommend that you bring blankets to sit on.

In case of threatening weather, call the weather hotline (301-933-7488) on the morning of July 4 to find out the status of the parade. The weather message decision will be made by 6 am for the fun run and walk, by 9 am for the parade, and by 4 pm for the picnic. In case of rain, only the parade will be run on Monday, July 5, same times. Donations of time and money are what make this celebration of the birth of our nation run smoothly, so every little bit will help. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help in any of the 4th of July activities (especially the parade), please call Matt Stavish. Any help will be greatly appreciated, especially for the fun run and the cooking detail. We’ll see you on the 4th and be prepared to enjoy a little of the Garrett Park traditional town spirit.

Mary Moyer

## GPES News

If you have a child who will be at least 5 by October 31, 2004, please get in touch with the Garrett Park school office (301-929-2170) to start the registration procedure (if you know of someone new in the neighborhood who has such a child, please pass this along). Don’t wait until the end of August, because important documents have to be filed and medical exams given before a child new to the MCPS system can be admitted. School starts before Labor Day this fall on Monday, August 30. An open house will be held on Friday, August 27, so that students can come into the building and see who their teachers are going to be. Also, a kindergarten meeting will be held at 9 am for parents of all kindergartners (parents only, please). Bus schedules will be gone over, so please plan to attend if your little one will be coming to school for the first time.

Many changes will happen over the summer. Amy Pollock (2nd grade) is not returning, as she is becoming a full time mom; Claire Jellett (3rd grade) will be moving with her new husband, J. P. Wainscott, to Norfolk, Virginia; and Jennie Berlatsky (2nd grade) is going to Boca Raton, Florida. There will probably be more changes over the summer as the enrollment of new students continues. In August, letters will be sent to all parents explaining the staffing and the materials needed for the first day of classes. The office will probably be closed for one week in July or August so that it can be cleaned and the personnel can have a vacation.

This year another portable classroom will be added to the six already in place, and two rooms have to be made ready for the all-day kindergarten, which means there is going to be a major shift in classroom assignments. If any teens would like to help some of the teachers shift their belongings after the rooms have been cleaned, get in touch with the school office.

Mary Moyer

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